

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks Examiner for the detailed Office Action dated August 9, 2007. In response to the issues raised, the Applicant offers the following submissions and amendments.

Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to explicitly define the functional requirements inherent to all printer cartridges. The body of the claim now restricts the scope to cartridges that are user removable and replaceable.

Furthermore, the elements of claim 2 have now been incorporated into claim 1. In light of this, claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 1 only.

Claims – 35 USC§102

Claim 1 to 4 stand rejected for lack of novelty in light of US 6,496,654 to Silverbrook et al.

Amended claim 1 is explicitly limited to a printer cartridge that is removable from the printer and replaceable with a like printer cartridge. The cartridge has a printhead in fluid communication with an IR ink supply stored by the cartridge. The '654 reference does not provide any disclosure of a cartridge with IR ink and a printhead for insertion and removal from a printer.

Accordingly, the cited reference fails to disclose all the elements defined in amended claim 1. It follows that the citation fails to anticipate claims 3 or 4 by virtue of the direct or indirect appendence to claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner's favorable reconsideration is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

Applicant:



Kia Silverbrook

C/o: Silverbrook Research Pty Ltd
393 Darling Street
Balmain NSW 2041, Australia

Email: kia.silverbrook@silverbrookresearch.com

Telephone: +612 9818 6633

Facsimile: +61 2 9555 7762